

A G E N D A



Thursday, May 22, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 20

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with WAGNER-SMITH EQUIPMENT COMPANY, Burleson, TX, for the purchase of one trailer-mounted bullwheel cable tensioner in an amount not to exceed \$162,250.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer, 974-2837

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specifications of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of one trailer-mounted bullwheel cable tensioner that will be assigned to Austin Energy (AE) for use in the construction and maintenance of overhead electrical transmission lines.

As conductor cable is strung along transmission towers, this equipment utilizes a braking system to control overspin of the cable reel and permits construction crews to adjust the amount of line sag to proper specifications. This equipment is capable of working two lines of conductor simultaneously.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-two notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. Two bids were received.
- c. This is the first purchase of this size bullwheel tensioner; therefore, no pricing history is available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with AE's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.